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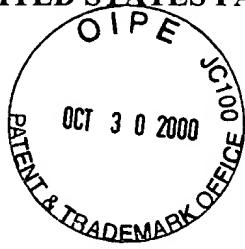
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Joon-bo CHOI

Appln. No.: 09/667,813



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For: METHOD FOR OPERATING PERSONAL AD-HOC NETWORK (PAN) AMONG BLUETOOTH DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method for operating a network among a plurality of communication devices, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) using a first communication device to perform an inquiry which checks whether or not at least one other communication [devices are] device is present in the communicable range of the first communication device, and determining the presence of at least one other [communications] communication device according to a response to the inquiry; and

(b) when there is a response to the inquiry in the step (a), establishing a connection with the network and then, causing the first communication device to change into a role of slave and to receive network information from the master of the network.

Please add the following new claims: